



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016**

The Downtown Commission convened in a meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 301 W. 2nd Street.

Downtown Commissioners in Attendance:

Jennifer Bristol, David Gomez, Christopher Lehman, Chris Kanipe, Sunshine Mathon, Timothy Moore, Jordan Mullins, Joel Sher, Wendy Dunnam Tita, Bruce Willenzik, Tracy Witte, Mary Jo Galindo

Downtown Commissioners Not in Attendance:

Marshall Escamilla, Jonathan Gins

City Staff in Attendance:

Michael Knox, Mona Sanchez, Nicole Klepadlo, Anahi Bendeck, Christine Maguire and Alex Lopez, Economic Development Department; Jonathon Tomko, Neighborhood Housing & Community Development Department; Charles Mabry, Parks and Recreation Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no citizens signed up to speak on general communication.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2016 MEETING

The minutes from the September 21, 2016 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Mathon's motion and Commissioner Gomez second, on a 7-0 vote.

4. CAPITAL METRO "CONNECTIONS 2025" PLAN

A motion passed 7-0 on Commissioner Witte's motion and Commissioner Dunnam Tita's second to support the Urban Transportation Commission's recommendation and support the Capital Metro "Connections 2025" Plan including:

- Retain all existing ADA routes
- Create meaningful solutions to address the proposed service cuts and;
- Maximize Convention Center patron service

5. AUSTIN STRATEGIC HOUSING PLAN

Jonathan Tomko with the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department gave a presentation to the Commission.

No action was taken.

6. LAMAR BEACH AT TOWN LAKE METRO PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN

A motion passed on a 6-0-1 vote on Commissioner Moore’s motion and Commissioner Bristol’s second and Commission Lehman abstaining, to endorse the Lamar Beach at Town Lake Park Draft Master Plan, as presented, encouraging:

- The Pressler Street pedestrian connection in Phase 1
- Encouraging better connectivity with transit and;
- Encouraging further development of the Cesar Chavez and B.R. Reynolds intersection

7. WORKING GROUPS

There were no updates from the Working Groups.

8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no items from Commissioners.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

10. POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Currently on November agenda:

- Convention Center Expansion
- District Chiller Plant No. 3

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.